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RIGHTS OF MAn

I Speak in candour one night in slumber
My mind did wander rea to Athlone
The center station of this Irish nation
When a congregation unto me was shown
Beyond my counting upon a mountain
Near to a fountain that cleary run
I feel to tremble I'll not dissemble
As they assembled for the rights of man
All clad in green there I thought I seen
A virtuous Queen that was grave & old
Saying children dear now do not fear
But come & hear whot I will unfold
This fertile country near seven centuries
Since Strongbow's entry upon our bank
Has been kept under with woes unnumbered
And always plundered of the rights of man
My cause you chided you so dertdep
When divided alas you know
All in disorder round Erin's border
Strife grief & murder has left you low
Let each communion detest disunion
In love & union join hand in hand
And believe old Granna that proud Britandia
No more shall rob you of the rights of man
Then I thought the crowd all spoke so loud
And stpfightway vowed to take her advice
They seem'd delighted & all united
Not to be frightened but to rejoice
Her hary so pleasing she play'd amazing
I still kept gazing but could not understand
She sang most enchanting & most endearing
In words most choosing to the rights of man
Through the azure sky I then did spy
A man for to fly & for to descend
And straight way came down upon the ground
Where Erin round had her bosom friends
His dazzling mitre & cross was brighter
Then stars by night or mid-day sun
In accents rare then I do declare
He prayed success for the rights of man
When prayer was ended he condescended
His hand to lend it in f[illegible]'s cause
He says I'll lead you & [illegible]s said you
And still persuade you christian laws
When in affliction or sad restriction
My benediction with uplift hand
I here explain it you shall obtain it
And surely gain it with the rights of man
For their inspection & clear direction
And grand discretion the three leaved Plant
He elevated & consecrated
And this repeated do not recant—
But still look to it & still review it
Let none subdue it—it is three in one
To prove its Unity in that community
That holds fast by the rights of man
He straightway blessed & then caressed
But still impressed them to persevere
When a rustling wind that seemed quite unkind
Wafted th'assembled through the liquid air
Then Granna fluttered & these words uttered
I'll break your fetters before it's long
Away he flew & bade them adieu
Saying I'll be true to the rights of man
When the population or congregation
In exclamation agreed to part
Took hands like brothers & kissed each other
We're free dolly sweetheart oon I wish heart
They separated all amazed
Alternated at what went on
As day was breaking & poor Shiel's awaking
Hearing Still be true to the Rights of man

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